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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Toshiya KAI et al.

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For: SOLID PREPARATION FOR DIALYSIS AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE  
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 21, 2002**

Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 21, 2003

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated  
November 21, 2002.

Please amend the application as directed below and consider  
the remarks that follow.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claim 12.